

PATENT APPLICATION

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Attorney Docket No.: Soyu C-6B  
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Inventor(s): Masaya OKITA

Title: METHOD FOR DRIVING A NEMATIC LIQUID CRYSTAL

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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional  
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending  
prior application:

Serial No.: 09/801 098 Filing Date: March 7, 2001

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Group: 2673 Examiner: Piziali

The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any  
applications from which this prior application may claim  
priority, is hereby incorporated by reference.

☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named  
in the prior application. **DELETE** the following inventor(s)  
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☒ New specification.

☐ Marked-up version of specification showing changes to prior  
parent application (optional).

☐ Copy of prior specification.

[X] Declaration or Oath, which is:

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[X] A copy of the Declaration or Oath from the prior application.

[X] 3 Drawing Sheets [X] Formal

[ ] Informal

[X] Comments Before First Office Action

[ ] Cancel in this application Claims of the present application before calculating the filing fee. (Retain at least one independent claim.)

[ ] Information Disclosure Statement

[X] Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.

**THE UNDERSIGNED ATTORNEY OF RECORD STATES THAT SMALL ENTITY STATUS IS BEING CLAIMED. 37 CFR §1.27(c)(2) as amended 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, dated September 8, 2000.**

[X] The prior application is assigned of record to HUNET INC. and Masaya OKITA.

[X] Acknowledgment Postal Card

[X] Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Japan Application No. 9-267819, filed September 12, 1997.

[X] The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/115 018, filed July 14, 1998.

The filing fee is calculated as shown below, after entering any enclosed Amendment which requests entry before such calculation:

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☒ The Power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

☐ The Power does not appear in the original papers; a copy of the Power is enclosed.

The undersigned is: ☒ an attorney of record in the prior application

☐ acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

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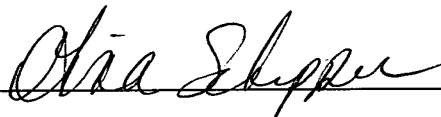
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